

Comment for planning application 20/01127/F

Application Number	20/01127/F
Location	Hatch End Old Poultry Farm Steeple Aston Road Middle Aston Bicester OX25 5QL
Proposal	Demolition of existing buildings. Erection of replacement business units, ancillary hub and associated external works.
Case Officer	James Kirkham
Organisation Name	Kate Mulcahy-Hawes
Address	1 Coneygar Fields, Steeple Aston, Bicester, OX25 4AU
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>My objection to these proposed plans is that there is no main road access which makes the location for this type of development completely unsuitable. The proposed site is located on Fir Lane in Middle Aston a rural Hamlet with access being a single track road, this is not a suitable site to be building an industrial estate. The only other means of access to the site is through Steeple Aston and construction, commuting and commercial traffic will have to pass a primary school, pre school and large play park. This raises huge safety concerns as this road is narrow and parents walking from Middle Aston to the school do so on the single track road as there is no footpath joining the two villages. We already have issues with traffic in Steeple Aston of congestion, access and speeding. The roads that are suitable for two cars to pass are often reduced to single file traffic due to the parked cars, this makes access for larger vehicles difficult such as buses and agricultural traffic. Already great efforts are made to make sure emergency vehicles can get through. I can only see such an increase in the volume of traffic, size of construction and commercial vehicles putting the residents of Steeple and Middle Aston at risk of not being able to be reached by emergency services within an adequate time frame. I am also concerned that workers commuting to the proposed site would be traveling by car, with the level of development proposed I do not see that the parking provided will be adequate. The local bus service provided is not adequate enough to support workers commuting due to the time and frequency of buses. Due to the remote location other means of commuting such as walking and cycling will be off limits to no doubt the majority of employees. Both Steeple and Middle Aston are small rural communities, the roads do not offer the infrastructure to support the amount of traffic this development will bring. No amount of paths, crossing or speed enforcement put in place will make the roads any more suitable or safe to support the increased volume of traffic. I also do not see the need for this development as both Bicester and Banbury over the recent years have become so industrialised that there is absolutely no shortage of sites of this nature and both locally available with main road access. The proposed development is not in keeping with the rural setting. Any economic gains this development proposes such as increased local revenue and local employment will not outweigh the burden this site will bring to the small communities of Steeple and Middle Aston. I am also concerned about the environmental impact this development would have; air pollution from the traffic and the impact of the biodiversity of the existing site and its thriving wildlife population.</p>
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